

Integral Transforms

The Laplace Transform

The Laplace transform of $f(t)$ can be defined as

$$F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-pt} dt$$

When we want to solve problems by using the Laplace transform, it is very convenient to have a table of corresponding $F(t)$ and $F(P)$.

Example: For $F(t) = 1$ with $P > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} F(P) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} dt = -\frac{1}{p}e^{-pt} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \end{aligned}$$

Note: If p is complex, then the real part of p (Rep) must be positive.

Example: For $F(t) = e^{-at}$

$$F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(a+p)t} dt + \frac{1}{p+a}$$

Re $(p+a) > 0$

Example: The Laplace transform of a sum of two functions is the sum of their Laplace transforms

$$L[f(t) + g(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} [F(t) + g(L)]e^{-pt} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-pt} dt + \int_0^{\infty} g(t)e^{-Pt} dt \\
&= L(f) + L(g)
\end{aligned}$$

Example: For $f(t) = \sin at$ $\text{Re}(p) > |\text{Im} a|$

Subtract
$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{(a-p)t} dt - \int_0^{\infty} e^{-((a+p)t}$$

$$= \frac{2ia}{p^2 + a^2}$$

$$\therefore L\left(\frac{e^{iat} - e^{-iat}}{2i}\right) = \frac{a}{p^2 + a^2}$$

Example: For $f(t) = \cos (at) = \frac{e^{iat} + e^{-iat}}{2}$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{(ia-p)t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(ia+p)t} dt = 2 \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}$$

$$\therefore L\left(\frac{e^{iat} + e^{-iat}}{2}\right) = \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}$$

Example: Find the Laplace transform of $t \sin (at)$ with

$$\operatorname{Re}(p) > |\operatorname{Im} a|$$

$$\mathbf{L}(\cos at) = \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} \cos at dt = \frac{p}{p^2 + a^2}$$

Differentiate (both sides) with reference to \underline{a}

$$\int_0^{\infty} -te^{-pt} \sin at dt = \frac{-2ap}{(p^2 + a^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-pt} t \sin at dt = \frac{2p^a}{(p^2 + a^2)^2}$$

$$\mathbf{L}[CF(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} Cf(t)e^{-pt}$$

$$= c \int_0^{\infty} F(t)e^{-pt} dt = CL(f)$$

The Laplace transform is a linear operator

Example: For $f(t) = e^{iat}$ (replacing a by ia)

$$= \cos(at) + i \sin(at)$$

$$F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{iat} e^{-pt} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^{\infty} e^{(ia-p)t} dt = \frac{1}{ia-p} e^{(ia-p)t} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\
&= \frac{1}{ia-p} [-1] \\
&= \frac{1}{p-ia} = \frac{p+ia}{p^2+a^2} \\
&\frac{p}{p^2+a^2} + \frac{ia}{p^2+a^2} \quad \text{Re}(p-ia) > 0
\end{aligned}$$

Another method

$$L(\cos(at) + i \sin(at)) = L(\cos at) + i L(\sin at)$$

$$= \frac{p}{p^2+a^2} + i \frac{a}{p^2+a^2}$$

Example for $f(t) = e^{-iat}$ (replacing a by $-ia$)

$$F(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(ia+p)t} dt = \frac{1}{-(ia+p)} e^{-(ia+p)t} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p+ia} = \frac{p-ia}{p^2+a^2}$$

Re(p+ia) > 0

$$= \frac{p}{p^2+a^2} - i \frac{a}{p^2+a^2}$$